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BY FACSIMILE

The Honorable Colleen McMahon
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
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Re: United States v. Esmond Elcock, Jr., et al.,
07 Cr. 582 (CM)

Dear Judge McMahon:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Indictment in the above-referenced case, which was assigned to Your Honor on June 27, 2007. Two of the defendants, Pierre Richard Rene and Nadine Whittingham, were previously arrested on a Complaint, and both were released on bail conditions. Defendant Esmond Elcock, Jr. has not yet been arrested. Pierre Rene is represented by Xavier Donaldson, Esq., and Nadine Whittingham is represented by Fiona Doherty, Esq. An initial conference has been set in this case for Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

The Government respectfully requests that time be excluded in this matter pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8)(A), until the next scheduled conference, on July 17, 2007. Such an exclusion will serve the ends of justice and outweighs the interests of the defendants and the public in a speedy trial because, among other reasons, it will enable the Government to produce discovery, the defense to review that discovery and

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contemplate any motions, and the parties to discuss a possible disposition of this matter. The Government has attempted to speak with counsel for both Mr. Rene and Ms. Whittingham regarding this request, but has not yet been able to reach them.

Respectfully submitted,

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